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For: A METHOD FOR INHIBITION OF
PHOSPHOLAMBAN ACTIVITY FOR THE
TREATMENT OF CARDIAC DISEASE AND
HEART FAILURE

Examiner: Patricia Ann Duffy

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response is initially due March 30, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal sheet;
- Fee Transmittal;
- Exhibit A: copy of Rousselle (April 2000) Mol Pharmacol. 57:679-686;
- Exhibit B: copy of National Library of Medicine, NIH, glossary definition of “dominant negative protein”; and
- Return receipt postcard.